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SUBJECT: BDG REACTION TO SURRENDER OF GVN RESURRECTS ATTACKS
AGAINST US "IMPERIALISM"

1. BANGLADESH PRESS TREATMENT OF EVENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAS PREDICTABLY BEEN ONE OF EXULTATION OVER NLF VICTORY. STRAIGHTFORWARD WIRE SERVICE REPORTS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY EDITORIALS AND HEADLINES HAILING "LIBERATION" OF VIETNAM FROM "IMPERIALISM" AND "REACTION." (USIS PRESS SUMMARY SEPTEL.)

2. OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE IS THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER MANSOOR ALI AND PROMINENTLY PLACED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS TODAY. THE STATEMENT BEGINS, "THE SURRENDER OF THE PUPPET SAIGON GOVERNMENT TO THE LIBERATION FORCES IS A HAPPY OCCASION FOR ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE PARTICULARLY FOR BANGLADESH..." WHICH HAD RECOGNIZED THE PRG IN 1973 IN SUPPORT OF THE "PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM."

CALLING VIETNAM, AFTER CAMBODIA, ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF "THE UTTER FAILURE OF THE FORCES OF REACTION," THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "WITH THE SURRENDER OF THE PUPPET SAIGON GOVERNMENT, WE CAN RIGHTFULLY EXPECT THAT PEACE WILL RETURN IN INDO-CHINA" AFTER THREE DECADES.

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STATEMENT CONCLUDES, "ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERN-

MENT OF BANGLADESH AND ON MY OWN BEHALF I CONGRATULATE THE LIBERATION FORCES AND WISH PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE GREAT PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. WE ALSO JOIN THE GREAT REJOICING OF THE LIBERATED PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

3. BAKSAL, THE SOLE POLITICAL PARTY IN BANGLADESH (AND SHEIKH MUJIB'S CREATION), ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT OVER THE NAMES OF ZILLUR RAHMAN AND ABDUR RAZZAK. THE JOINT STATEMENT CONGRATULATED THE NLF FOR "THEIR VICTORY AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST POWERS AND THEIR AGENTS..." CALLING IT A "VICTORY OF THE EXPLOITED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD." RAHMAN AND RAZZAK VOICED GREETINGS "ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH" AND ADDED THAT BANGLADESH, LED BY SHEIKH MUJIB, HAD "EXPRESSED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF VIETNAM," EVER SINCE ITS OWN LIBERATION.

4. SHEIKH FAZLUL HUQ MONI, NEPHEW OF MUJIB AND RUMORED TO BE THE LEADER OF FORTHCOMING LABOR FRONT, EXTENDED "REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS" TO THE WORKING PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM ON THEIR VICTORY OVER "THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS." MONI'S BANGLA NEWSPAPER ALSO QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT "AMERICA'S PUPPET GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO SURRENDER TO THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF VIETNAM" AND THAT "THE WORLD'S BIGGEST WARLIKE POWER HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO STOOP DOWN.

5. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THAT ISSUED APRIL 17 BY PRESIDENT MUJIB AFTER THE FALL OF PHNOM PEHN; MUJIB LIMITED HIMSELF TO A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SIHANOUK WHICH MENTIONED ONLY THE VICTORY OVER "FORCES OF SUBJUGATION AND INJUSTICE." COMMENTS OF BAKSAL LEADERS FOLLOW THEIR STANDARD ATTACKS ON IMPERIALISM BUT ARE OF GREATER IMPORT NOW WITH THE INSTITUTION OF A ONE-PARTY STATE WHICH LINKS BAKSAL DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

6. CONCEIVABLY THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE FELICITOUSLY PHRASED HAD SHEIKH MUJIB AND

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FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN BEEN IN BANGLADESH, BUT THIS WE CANNOT JUDGE. WHATEVER THE CASE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, MANSOOR ALI'S THINLY VIELED ATTACK UPON THE USG IS A DECIDED DEPARTURE FROM BDG'S PRACTICES OVER PAST MONTHS AND HARKS BACK TO KIND OF ORATORY HEARD HERE TWO YEARS AGO. WE DO NOT PLAN FORMAL DEMARCHE BUT AMBASSADOR WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY OVER NEXT FEW DAYS TO EXPRESS TO FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED OUR SURPRISE AT STATEMENTS OF

PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS AND WHAT THEY SEEM TO
IMPLY ABOUT BDG VIEW OF US.
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